

Fact Sheet: U.S. Support to Indonesian Armed Forces Deployment in Support of UNIFIL



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The U.S. Department of Defense is currently providing transportation for 850 Indonesian Peacekeepers to Lebanon in support of UNIFIL. An advance team of 129 Indonesian soldiers, including President Yudhoyono's son, arrived in Lebanon on November 10, 2006. Equipment arrived November 18. The remainder of troops will depart for Lebanon November 23, 24 and 25 respectively.

- Accepting a request from the UN to provide logistical support for UNIFIL, President Bush earmarked \$4.9 million to provide transportation for Indonesian peacekeepers deploying to Lebanon in support of that mission.
- On November 2 and 3, USPACOM personnel aided the Indonesian peacekeepers in loading equipment onto the USS Wilson, a U.S. flagged contract ship. The Wilson departed Indonesia on November 4, and arrived in Lebanon on November 18.
- On November 8, a 129-person advance party, including President Yudhoyono's son, departed Indonesia on board a chartered North American Airlines flight arriving in Beirut on November 10. President Yudhoyono attended the send-off of the Advance Team at Sukarno-Hatta International Airport, shaking the hand of every soldier departing on the mission.
- On November 9, a contract cargo aircraft departed Indonesia with immediately needed equipment for the advance team, arriving in Beirut on November 10.
- The main body of 721 peacekeepers is scheduled to depart Indonesia on November 23, 24 and 25 on board American Trans Airways chartered flights with final closure into Beirut on November 26.
- Total cost of the mission is approximately \$4.7 million.